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Budgeting for a Pandemic Economy

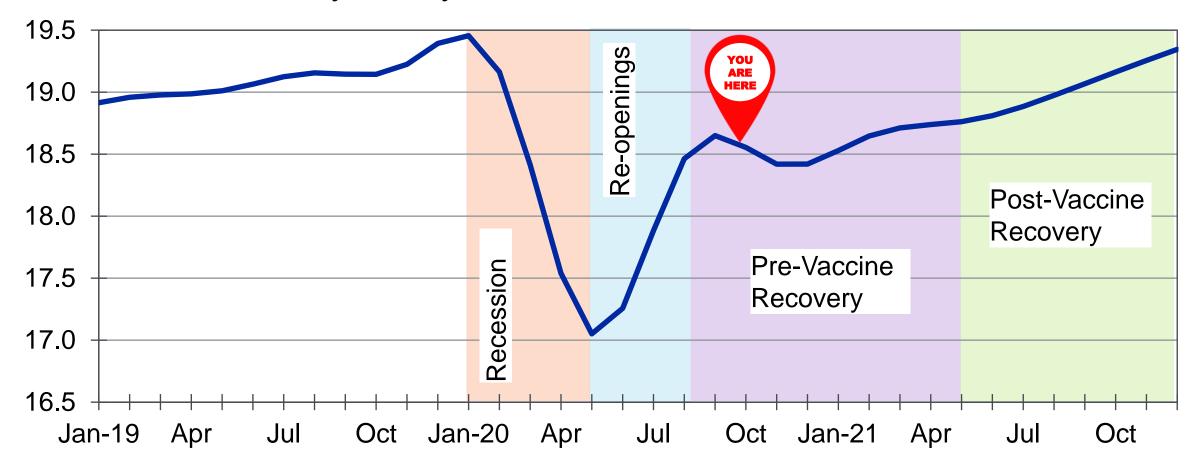
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The Pandemic Economy Roadmap

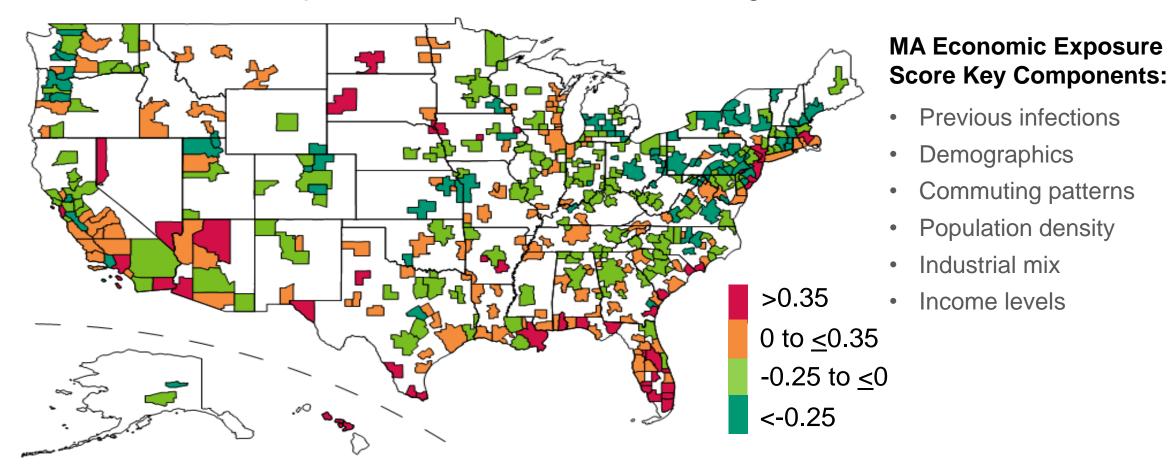
U.S. Real GDP, Moody's Analytics Baseline Scenario, Trillions 2012\$, SAAR



Sources: BEA, Moody's Analytics

Where the Economy Is Most Vulnerable

COVID Economic Exposure Score, 0=metro area avg, Nov 2020



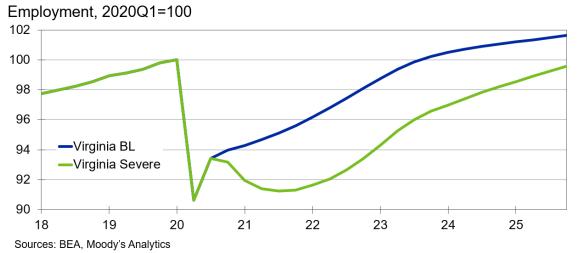
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Virginia Ahead of the Game, But...

Better Than Most...

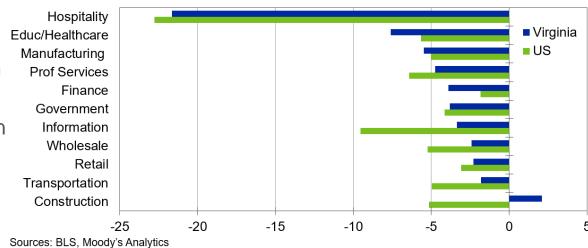
- Job losses have been less severe than other states thus far in the business cycle.
- Information, construction, and transportation hiring has been the biggest difference maker versus the rest of the country.
- Only material underperformance since February has come in education and healthcare.

Lengthy Recovery Ahead



Hospitality Leading Declines

% change in jobs from Feb 2020 by industry, Sep 2020



...But a Long Way Home

- No industry has suffered as much as the airlines thus far into the pandemic.
- The pace of recovery ultimately depends on the timing of an eventual vaccine, and how soon it gains acceptance from a majority of Americans.

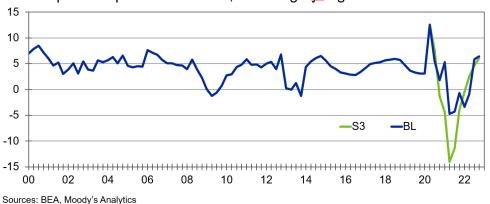
Important Forecast Assumptions and Risks

Stimulus Assumptions Are Key

- Federal fiscal stimulus has helped to buoy personal income thus far into the recession, offsetting some potential revenue weakness.
- Expiration of key income assistance measures like enhanced UI represent a major difference in our baseline and downside scenarios.
- Knock-on effects from lower consumer spending would prolong the recession well beyond FY22 in most states.

Incomes Drive Revenue Forecast

U.S. disposable personal income, % change <u>yr</u> ago



Vaccination Availability

Probability, timeframe for 25 million inoculations in the U.S. (10/29)



Vaccine Roll-out AND Acceptance

- Baseline assumes a vaccine is released in mid-2021, with relatively widespread acceptance by next fall.
- It will take time to get Americans comfortable with any vaccine and to accelerate to a normal pace of recovery.
- Any delay in this timeline would represent a significant downside risk to the outlook for both sales taxes and gaming percentage fees.

Budgeting in the Middle of a Pandemic:

As simple as nailing Jell-O to a wall...



Keys for Planning Around COVID

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"Use More Than One Nail"

Plan for more than one alternative scenario as part of your planning process. Help stakeholders understand the risks.

Identify Key Assumptions

Understand what assumptions are driving each scenario and which are the most important to budget outcomes.

Consider the Whole Picture

Make sure to include all of the factors that impact budget shortfalls, revenues AND spending.



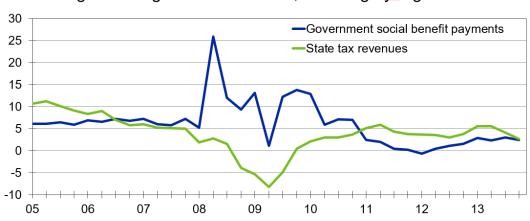
How We Plan for the Worst

Lower Revenues

- General fund revenues are modeled using stochastic equations for each state.
- Forecasts are stressed using Moody's Analytics' economic scenarios and historical data from NASBO.
- Comparing to rate of inflation estimates funds necessary to hold real spending constant, year over year.

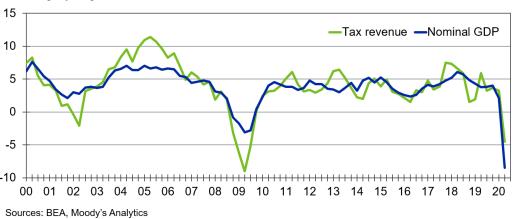
Recessions Affect Revenues AND Spending

State budgets during Great Recession, % change <u>yr</u> ago



Translating Private Pain Into Public Stress

% change <u>yr</u> ago, U.S.

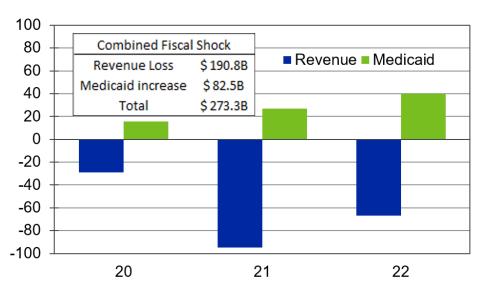


Higher Costs

- Medicaid is used as a proxy for all state general fund mandatory spending impacts.
- Medicaid enrollment is modeled using stochastic equations based on Moody's Analytics economic scenarios and historical CMS data.
- Enrollment forecasts are combined with cost data from CMS and NASBO to establish spending shocks.

The Numbers

Aggregate fiscal shock across all 50 states, FY20 – FY22

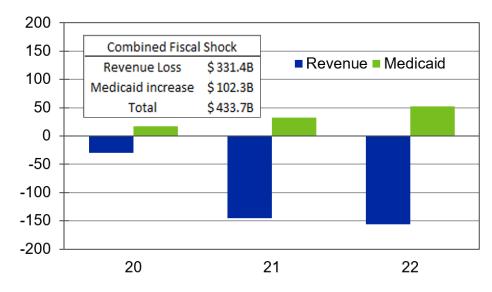


Baseline

- Revenue losses and Medicaid surge are likely to extend across at least three fiscal years.
- Majority of the pain is concentrated in FY21, particularly for revenues, as the economy waits for an accepted vaccine.
- When accounting for local governments the estimated shortfall grows to nearly \$450 billion.

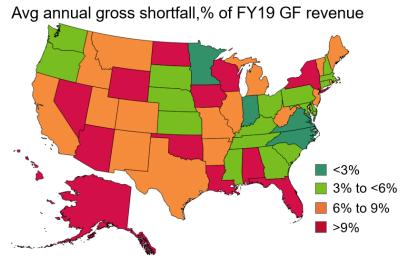


- Double-dip recession and delayed recovery extends the fiscal shock well beyond three fiscal years, with more stress in FY22 and beyond.
- Such a scenario would result in the largest state budget shortfalls since the Great Depression.
- When accounting for local governments the estimated shortfall grows to nearly \$650 billion.



No Such Thing as an Average State (or Commonwealth)

Different Shocks

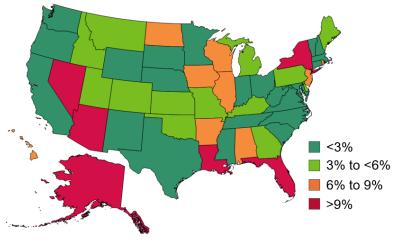


Cross State Differences

- Differentiation between states is greatly influenced by industry mix with those more reliant on leisure/hospitality, tourism, trade, and energy seeing the greatest relative impacts.
- Exposure to the virus also plays a large role. Those states with larger outbreaks have in turn imposed more severe business restrictions, choking off taxable activity.
- More volatile revenue sources like progressive income taxes and energy taxes also amplify shock.

Different Levels of Preparation

Avg annual net shortfall,% of FY19 GF revenue



Sources: NASBO, Moody's Analytics

Preparation Goes a Long Way

- After accounting for state reserves the average annual state shortfall from FY20 – FY22 falls to around 4.5% of FY19 revenues.
- A handful of states may be able to cover their entire shortfall from reserve accounts, though many more could still see double-digit shortfalls thanks to large shocks and under preparedness.

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